

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A power line communication device for a vehicle, comprising:

an internal electronic control unit connected to a connection point on a direct-current power line, the internal electronic control unit communicating with an external electronic control unit by a communication signal superimposed on a direct-current supply voltage applied to the direct-current power line; and

an impedance element configured to conduct a direct current to an external load and inserted between the connection point and ~~[[an]]~~the external load.

2. (original) The power line communication device of claim 1, wherein:  
the impedance element comprises a coil.

3. (currently amended) The power line communication device of claim 1, wherein:

the impedance element comprises a coil and a capacitor connected in parallel with the coil.

4. (original) The power line communication device of claim 1, wherein:  
the communication signal is amplitude-shift-key modulated.

5. (new) The power line communication device of claim 1, wherein:  
the impedance element is configured to have higher impedance against non-direct current than against direct current.

6. (new) The power line communication device of claim 1, wherein:  
the impedance element consists essentially of one or more coils connected in series between the connection point and the external load.

7. (new) The power line communication device of claim 1, wherein:  
the impedance element consists essentially of one or more coils connected in series between the connection point and the external load, and one or more capacitors connected in parallel with the coils.

8. (new) The power line communication device of claim 7, wherein:  
the capacitors are grounded.

9. (new) The power line communication device of claim 1, wherein:  
the impedance element is further connected in series with an external power line communication device.